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Philly's labor unions left out in the rain

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‘Kicked in the behind’

Labor at times somber, bitter over state of local, national economy
Whether it’s City Hall or private sector, union members fight to keep gains made before Great Recession

As the city cleaned up yesterday from its star-studded Made in America concert, Philadelphia’s mostly blue-collar unionized workers took to the streets for their annual Labor Day parade.

“I’m all about having Philadelphia on a national stage, so the concerts and things like that, I’m all for,” said business manager of electricians union Local 98 John Dougherty. “But people feel like, at the same time, you throw a big, national concert for people, a lot of them from out of town, what’s being done for Philadelphians, workers who keep the city running?”

Union members turned out in droves yesterday despite a torrential downpour raining on their parade, a condition to which many have proverbially grown accustomed as they struggle to maintain a political foothold.

Employees represented by three of the city’s four municipal unions have been working under expired contracts for four years.

“What we want the mayor to do is to stop being a dictator and sit down and negotiate a fair contract,” said Pete Matthews, president of DC 33, Philadelphia’s largest municipal workers union. “He’s absolutely the most anti-union mayor that we’ve had to deal with, there’s no doubt about that.”

Nationwide, union membership has declined over 41 percent since the early 1980s. This year’s Democratic National Convention is in North Carolina, a right-to-work state with the lowest percentage of unionized workers in America.

“This is to show the Democratic party: ‘Don’t take us for granted. We vote, we know what’s going on here. We need your support,’” Matthews said. “Because labor’s being kicked in the behind.”

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▶ Mayor Michael Nutter said in March that part of the context is Matthews’ reelection bid for union president later this year. “I want a fair contract that is also fair for taxpayers,” Nutter said.

And many leaders fear the climate will only worsen if the GOP ticket wins the November election. “I think overall, we’re concerned that if the wrong people get in nationally, they’re just going to make one big Wisconsin and Ohio out of us,” AFL-CIO president Pat Eiding said. “They’ve already said publicly organized labor has no place at the table, and we are the last bastion for all working people.”

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By the numbers

20.1% American workers — 17.7 million — unionized in 1983, the first year for which data is available from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

15.8% American workers — 16.6 million — unionized in 1993

12.9% American workers — 15.8 million — unionized in 2003

11.8% American workers — 11.9 million — unionized in 2011

Growing stronger in fight for rights

Some say that recent blows to union power have merely galvanized them to push back, provoking a louder, more visible presence.

“They are sleeping giants and today proves it,” U.S. Rep. Bob Brady said. “All this rain and they’re still out here in full force. They’re finally getting it. This is Romney-hood. Take from the middle class and give to the upper class, give to the rich. And they’re realizing that it’s getting done on their backs, on the unions’ backs. They’re finally fired up and I’m extremely happy to see it.”

Eiding said that even the local struggles with City Hall have strengthened members’ bonds.

“Even the rain didn’t stop it, as you can see,” he said. “We’re out here in force.”

In the news

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Despite reports that the massive, two-day Made in America concert on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway went off without a public safety hitch, there was one arrest, according to police. A person was taken into custody Saturday for allegedly stealing beer from a concession stand. No word yet on what charges will be filed.

In the news

Zoos going ape for iPads

Humans aren’t the only species on the planet with a penchant for electronic gadgets. Zookeepers across the United States and Canada are discovering that apes also get excited about apps. As part of a program called Apps for Apes, 12 zoos across the two countries have been incorporating iPads into the enrichment time allotted for orangutans, the giant furry red primates native to Indonesia and Malaysia. REUTERS

Stolen cows turn up at auction in Lancaster Co.

LANCASTER COUNTY. Thirty-nine cows stolen from a Massachusetts farm were recovered at a Pennsylvania cattle auction over the weekend, authorities said.

The cows were found at a facility in New Holland and were among 49 stolen from a communal farm in Dartmouth on Saturday, police said, according to the Associated Press.

49 Cows stolen from a Massachusetts farm recently, of which only 39 have been recovered

The animals are worth an estimated $50,000. No additional information was available about the alleged theft or the location of the other ten cows.

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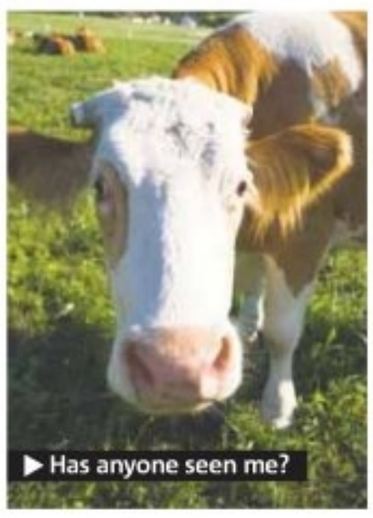

▶ Has anyone seen me?

Delegates don’t mix in swing states like Pa.

PENNSYLVANIA. For Democratic and Republican convention delegates, there is no color purple. There’s only deep blue and deep red. Among Democrats, 99 percent called President Barack Obama’s rescue of the auto industry a success, while nine in 10 Republicans said it was mistake.

Two-thirds of the delegates surveyed before this week’s Democratic convention say insufficient tax revenue is the primary cause of the long-term federal deficit, a view held by just 1 percent of Republicans. BLOOMBERG

10 Swing states almost universally identified, including Pennsylvania, that will decide the Nov. presidential election.

Drug nicknamed 'wet' behind NJ child's death

- Suspect allegedly slit throats of 6-year-old boy, 12-year-old girl
- Reportedly high on narcotic PCP when attacks occurred, police say

For the second time in less than a month, the murder of a child in Camden is being linked to PCP, prosecutors said.

Osvaldo Rivera, 31, of Camden, is accused of fatally stabbing 6-year-old Dominick Andujar and critically wounding Andujar's 12-year-old sister.

Authorities said the incident happened early Sunday at a home where the children lived on the 900 block of Ware Street.

Rivera was arrested Sunday at an apartment on the 3200 block of River Road where authorities found him hiding between a mattress and a bedroom wall, prosecutors said. He has been charged with murder and attempted murder.

Police responded after the 12-year-old escaped the home and ran to a neighbor's house. Two other siblings in the home at the time were unharmed. Rivera knew the family, although his relationship is unclear, according to Jason Laughlin, spokesman for the Camden County Prosecutor's Office.

Rivera allegedly told investigators that he smoked "wet" before the killing, according to prosecutors. The drug is a combination of marijuana and PCP that causes users to hallucinate and sometimes turn violent.

The drug was also believed to be involved in a murder-suicide last month. Chevonne Thomas is believed to have smoked wet prior to beheading her two-year-son Zahree and fatally stabbing herself on Aug. 22.

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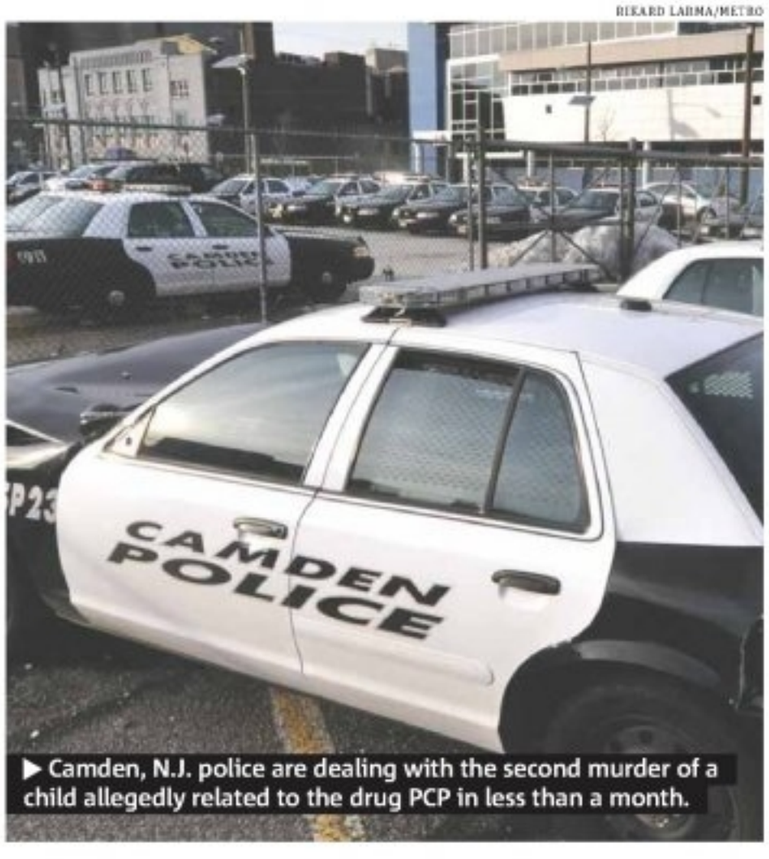

▶ Camden, N.J. police are dealing with the second murder of a child allegedly related to the drug PCP in less than a month.

Murder victim found in Crescentville woods

NORTH PHILADELPHIA. Police are investigating the discovery of a body in the Crescentville section of North Philadelphia early yesterday morning.

The body, believed to be that of a black male, was found shortly before 5:15 a.m. in a wooded area near the 1100 block of Adams Avenue. Investigators said the man was possibly shot once in the head. He was pronounced on the scene around 5:20 a.m. ● METRO

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Success sparks calls for annual music festival

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▶ Workers took down the Made in America concert venue yesterday along the Parkway.

Not even rain could stop Jay-Z's two-day parade.

On Sunday, the second day of the rapper's Made in America music festival, some 34,000 concert-goers filled the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. They came from far (Boston, Cleveland, Dallas) and wide (Scotland) to hear the musical stylings of The Hives, Jill Scott, Odd Future, Drake and headliner Pearl Jam.

The rain was intermittent, drizzling briefly during Jill Scott's set and coming down hard at times while Pearl Jam was on the main Rocky stage. No one in the crowd seemed to mind. Less than 18 hours after Jay-Z electrified the venue, the out-of-towners were still in awe.

"We came here for Jay-Z," said Tim Hill, of Edinboro, Scotland. "He was brilliant, Kanye West as well, it was awesome."

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For two days, it was all about the music. There were no reported injuries and only one arrest, according to authorities. Some 74,000 fans (40,000 on Saturday, 34,000 on Sunday) packed the Parkway over the weekend — and, as Jay-Z promised Saturday, the chance that the two-day festival could return is a real possibility.

"From the beginning, Jay-Z and his people wanted a repeat event," Mayor Michael Nutter said. "We'll see how it goes. We're very interested in exploring a future."

Jay-Z, dressed in all black, got the party started Saturday evening with longtime crowd favorite "Izzo (H.O.V.A.)." His set list featured the bulk of his chart-toppers and he pulled out all the stops, including a special tribute video to the City of Brotherly Love, which was capped by a semi-RocBoy reunion with Philly natives Freeway and Young Gunz making appearances. (No Beanie Sigel, but Jay-Z rapped his verses).

"You all know my love affair with Philadelphia," he shouted. "We made some amazing music in Philadelphia."

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Pearl Jam talks votes

Pearl Jam, Sunday night's headliner, trotted out at 9 p.m. and sounded just as bold and empowered as they have throughout their four decades as a band.

The Seattle-based band played for two hours, 25 songs, and emphasized the music festival's point: America.

They urged the crowd — many who were chanting "USA, USA, USA" — to vote in this fall's presidential election and lamented on jobs being shipped overseas.

"I want to see more things made in America," frontman Eddie Vedder said, before singing "Unemployable."

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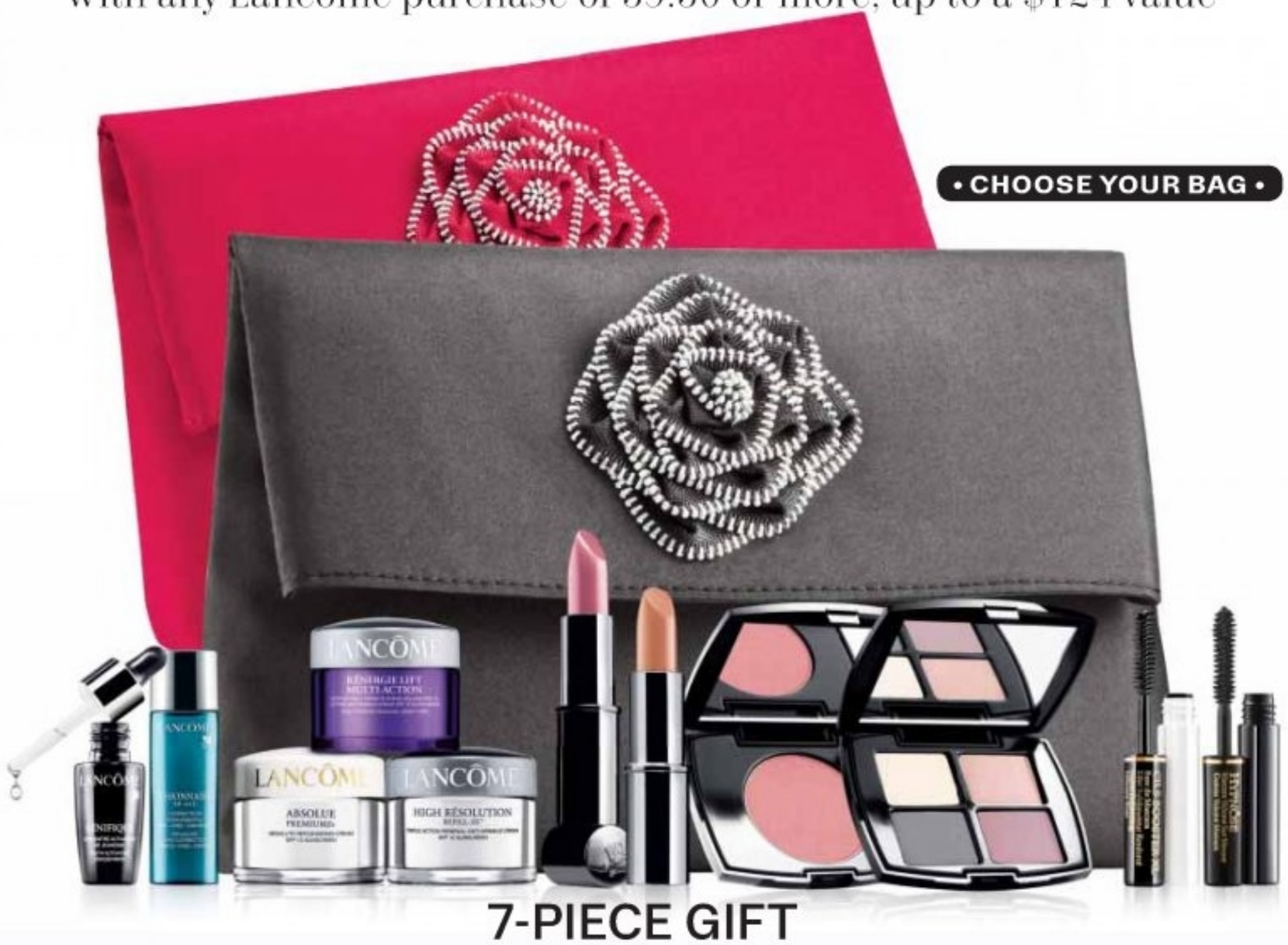

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Two US consulate employees wounded in Pakistan attack

PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN. Two Americans working for the U.S. consulate were wounded yesterday in a bomb attack on their vehicle in the Pakistani city of Peshawar.

The blast also wounded two Pakistani employees of the consulate, the U.S. embassy in Islamabad said in a statement.

Earlier, regional Information Minister Mian Iftikhar Hussain told reporters at least four people, including two Americans, were killed in an attack by a suicide bomber in a vehicle. **REUTERS**

Romney, Obama neck and neck ahead of DNC

WASHINGTON. President Barack Obama enters an important campaign week tied with Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney, a Reuters/Ipsos poll found on Sunday, leaving the incumbent an opportunity to edge ahead of his opponent at the Democratic National Convention.

With the Democrats set to nominate Obama for a second term this week in Charlotte, North Carolina, the race to the presidential

election on Nov. 6 is tight, with 45 percent for Obama and 45 percent for challenger Romney among likely voters, the survey found. **REUTERS**

Israeli plays down report of Iran-US deal over attack

JERUSALEM. Israeli officials played down a report in an Israeli newspaper yesterday that accused Washington of secretly negotiating with Tehran to keep the United States out of a future Israel-Iran war.

The newspaper said Washington had approached Tehran through two unidentified European countries to convey the message that the United States would not be dragged into hostilities if Israel attacked Iran over its nuclear programme. **REUTERS**

Navy SEAL's new bin Laden book out-sells '50 Shades' online

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▶ The bin Laden compound was the site of the Navy SEAL operation.

"No Easy Day," the controversial book by a former U.S. Navy SEAL about the commando raid that killed Osama bin Laden, has stormed to the top of U.S. book sales on Amazon.com.

The unauthorized book, which has caused the government to threaten legal action on the grounds of non-disclosure of government secrets, is already out-selling the hugely popular "Fifty Shades of Grey" erotica book series.

The hardcover edition of "No Easy Day" officially becomes available in the United States today. Amazon.com's best-seller list includes pre-orders.

"No Easy Day: The Firsthand Account of the Mission That Killed Osama Bin Laden," is written by a Navy SEAL operative under the pseudonym Mark Owen.

His real name, Matt Bissonnette, was revealed shortly after news broke that the firsthand account of the daring operation on the al Qaeda leader's compound in Pakistan last year was to be published. Reuters obtained an advance copy of the book from the publisher, Dutton, an imprint of Penguin Group USA.

The Pentagon has threatened legal action against Bissonnette for alleged violation of non-disclosure agreements because the manuscript was not submitted for a pre-publication security review. Bissonnette's attorney responded that the subject matter of his book was not covered by non-disclosure agreements he has signed. **REUTERS**

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What comes next for Moonies?

Millions are in mourning following the death of spiritual leader Sun Myung Moon, who passed on Monday at 92. As the founder of the Unification Church in 1954, Moon established a global following of millions — known as 'Moonies' — and a business empire, both of which now face an uncertain future.

A statement from Unification Church US, one of the largest chapters, played down fears by saying that the leader's wife — "True Mother" Hak Ja Han Moon — would protect her husband's religious vision. His youngest son, Reverend Hyung Jin Moon, had already been appointed international president of the church.

The church's UK leader Pastor Simon Cooper said this was a moment of opportunity. "We could now see more development from the grassroots. Local congregations will have a stronger position with less direction from the world mission."

Although best known for eye-catching religious displays, such as mass marriages of thousands at a time, Reverend Moon also established a lucrative business empire, including newspapers and arms manufacturers. Leadership has been problematic, with power changing hands between Moon's sons, before Hyung Jin Moon took charge.

"As tremendous wealth is available to anyone who takes over — we shouldn't be surprised if the passing of a leader provokes a power struggle," Cult Information director Ian Hawarth, who has studied the group for over 30 years, told Metro. The church's popularity is also under threat, according to Hawarth. "Some would suggest a global decline over the last decade ... although there has been a build-up of influence in South America."

The church is officially in mourning until Moon's funeral in 15 days, after which it must begin a new era without its founding father.

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More about the 'Moonies'

- Established 1954 in South Korea by Sun Myung Moon
- Group claims more than five million members in more than 40 countries
- Believers hold that Moon was visited by Jesus Christ, who made him God on Earth.
- Marriage and mass marriage have a central role in the faith.
- Business interests range from South Korean arms manufacturers to the soccer Peace Cup.
- Confirmed admirers include the late North Korean leader Kim Jong-Il and former US President George W. Bush.

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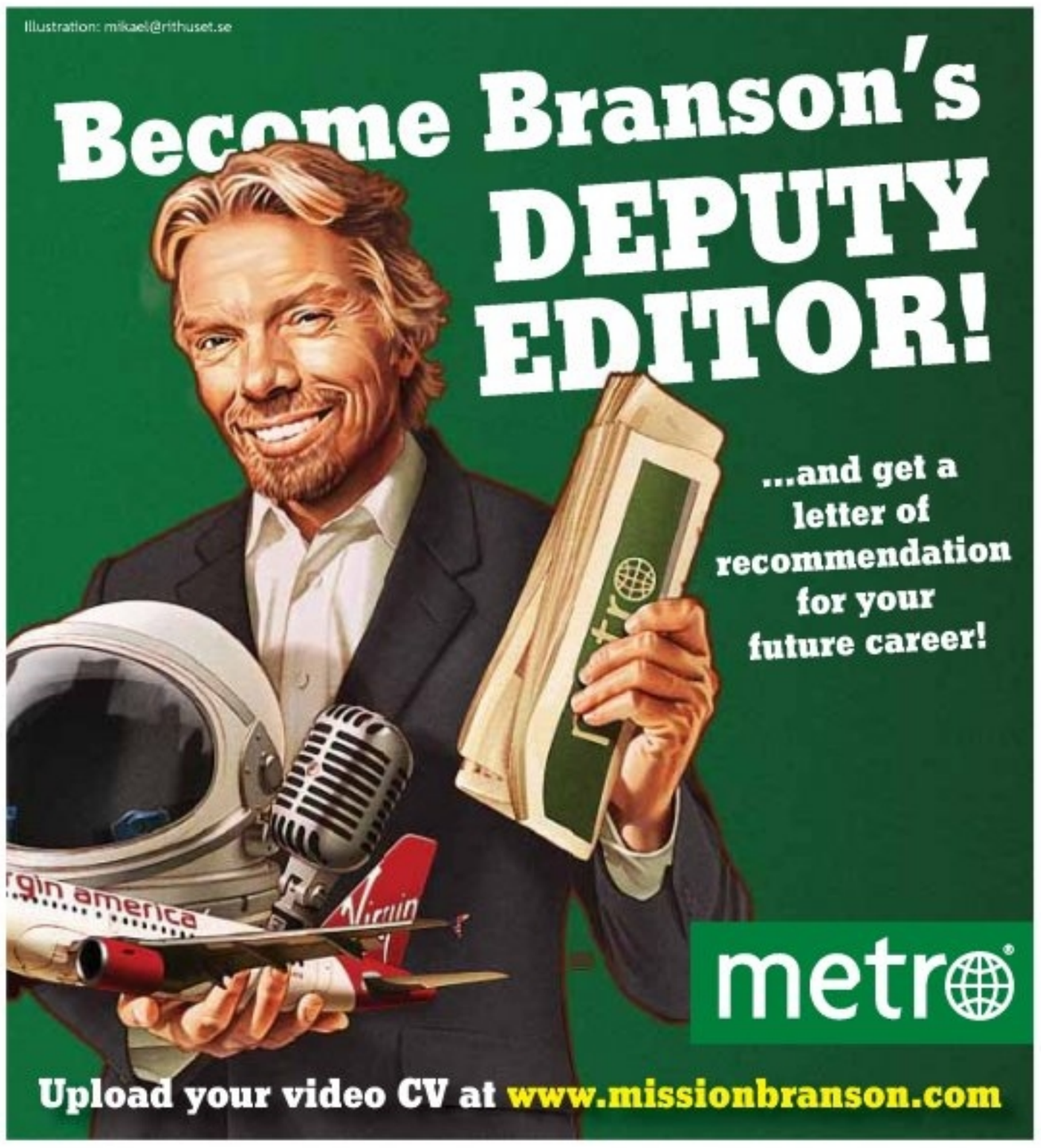
▶ South Korean evangelist Reverend Moon Sun-myung (right) and his wife bless newlyweds at South Korea's Olympic stadium Feb. 16, 2002 in Seoul. About 3,500 couples from 186 countries around the world exchanged wedding vows.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Princeton Review ranks area colleges as best in financial aid, diversity

The Princeton Review's annual college rankings list has just been released, and several local colleges and universities appear on it — both in categories they'll want to brag about and others they'll need to explain.

Here are some local results:

Princeton University was No. 1 on the list for great financial aid and No. 3 on the list of best values for private colleges. Swarthmore College, which was No. 2 on the best value list, was No. 4 on the list of schools with great financial aid. Schools where the financial aid is not so great include Penn State (No. 2), the University of Delaware (No. 4) and Villanova University (No. 8).

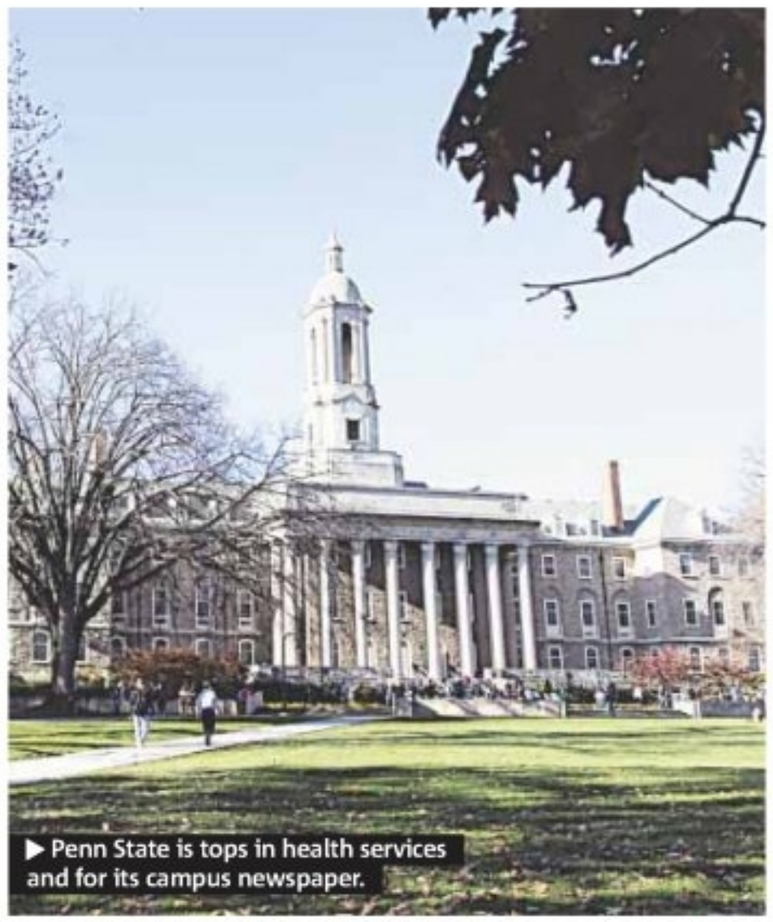
Princeton was No. 6 on the list of schools whose students study the most; Haverford College was No. 10 on that list. The school with the best classroom experience was Swarthmore, at No. 1.

Swarthmore and Haverford's sister school, Bryn Mawr, scored No. 9 on two lists: best dorms and best food.

Penn State did well on several lists, including best career services (No. 2) and best health services (No. 1). They were also No. 1 for best campus newspaper. They were No. 4 among jock schools and No. 11 among party schools.

Temple University has a No. 2 spot on the list of schools with lots of interaction among people of different races and classes.

▶ Temple ranks high in campus diversity.



▶ Penn State is tops in health services and for its campus newspaper.

▶ Swarthmore is a bargain.

Among the schools with the least interaction was Villanova, at No. 9.

The Princeton Review survey covers only 377 schools — about 15 percent of the four-year schools in the U.S. Although they provide the top 20 schools in each of 62 different categories, there is no overall list of "best schools." They explain: "The fact is no one school is, in all subjects, for all majors, for all students, the academically best in the nation. It's not which school is best academically (there's no such thing) but which school is best for you that's important."

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Teaching emotional

The author who coined 'emotional intelligence' applies his theory to teaching ecology ◐ Learning to respect nature benefits students

Bestselling author and self-help guru Daniel Goleman is known worldwide for stressing the importance of emotional intelligence in developing one's full potential.

While the term had been around for decades, Goleman's 1995 book, "Emotional Intelligence: Why It Can Matter More Than IQ," popularized the concept. Broadly speaking, emotional intelligence is seen by many as an ability to gauge one's own emotions as well as the emotions of others, and to build relationships around this understanding.

Now Goleman is incorporating his environmental passions into his educational philosophy. His latest, "Ecoliterate: How Educators Are Incorporating Emotional, Social and Ecological Intelligence," was written in partnership with the Berkeley-based Center for Ecoliteracy.

"In teaching people about ecological issues — whether it's K-12 or in the university — there's something that happens on an emotional level, and that's fear and anxiety," says co-author Lisa Bennett. "We've pushed nature's systems to the brink in a lot of ways right now, so if you bring emotional intelligence to teaching about ecological issues, you can be a lot more effective."

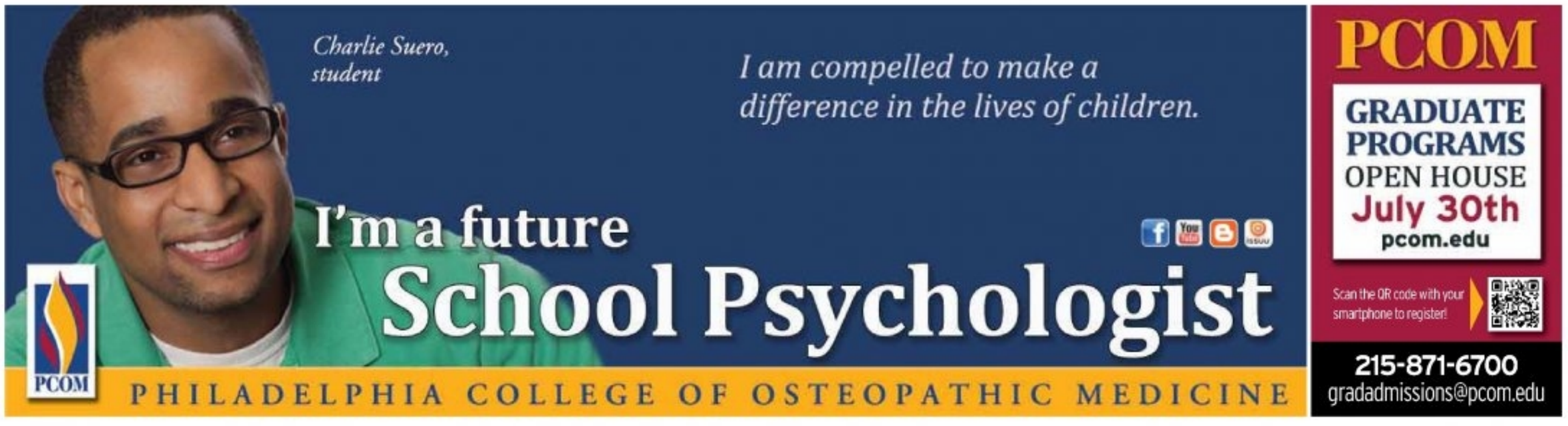
"Ecoliterate" investigates eight cutting-edge environmental education programs, from Kentucky to Alaska, looking for effective blueprints for this new curriculum. While the book is primarily directed at K-12 teachers, the authors suggest that these programs could be easily adapted for the college level.

"In Dan Goleman's seminal books, he showed how critical

Five key points

The Center for Ecoliteracy has outlined "five vital practices" for teaching environmental studies to K-12 students.

1. Developing empathy for all forms of life
2. Embracing sustainability as a community practice
3. Making the invisible visible
4. Anticipating unintended consequences
5. Understanding how nature sustains life



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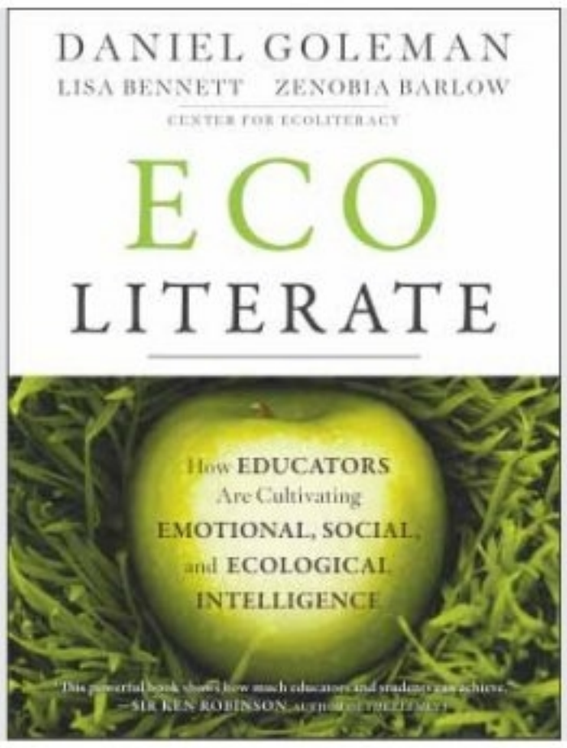

"Eco-intelligence... boosts academic achievement because it's tied to emotional learning." LISA BENNETT

emotional and social intelligence is to allowing people to be effective," says Bennett. "We discovered in 'Ecoliterate' that, actually, each form of intelligence is an extension of the other, and eco-intelligence is related to both: It boosts academic achievement because it's tied to emotional learning, and it develops strength, hope and resilience in students."

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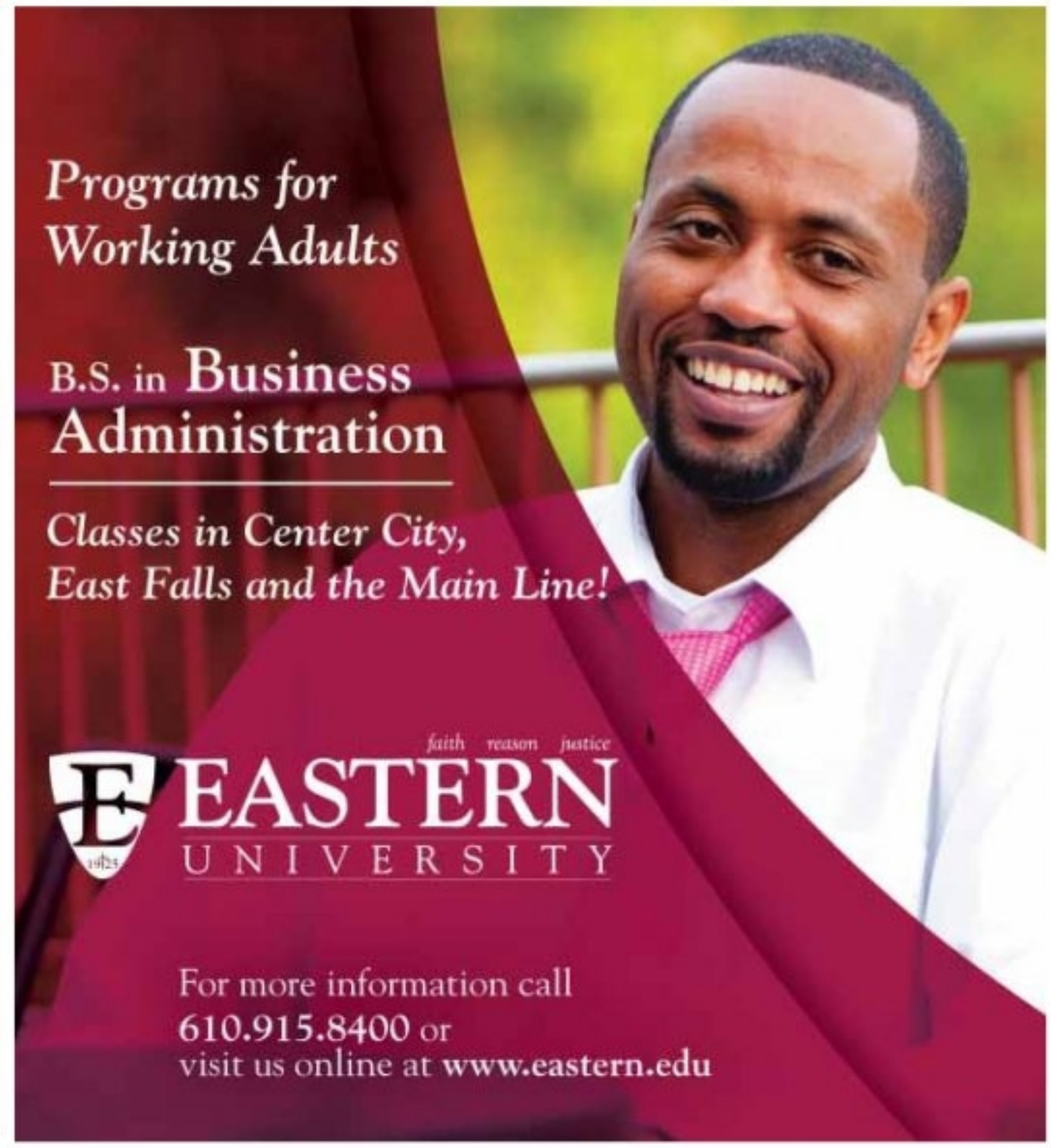

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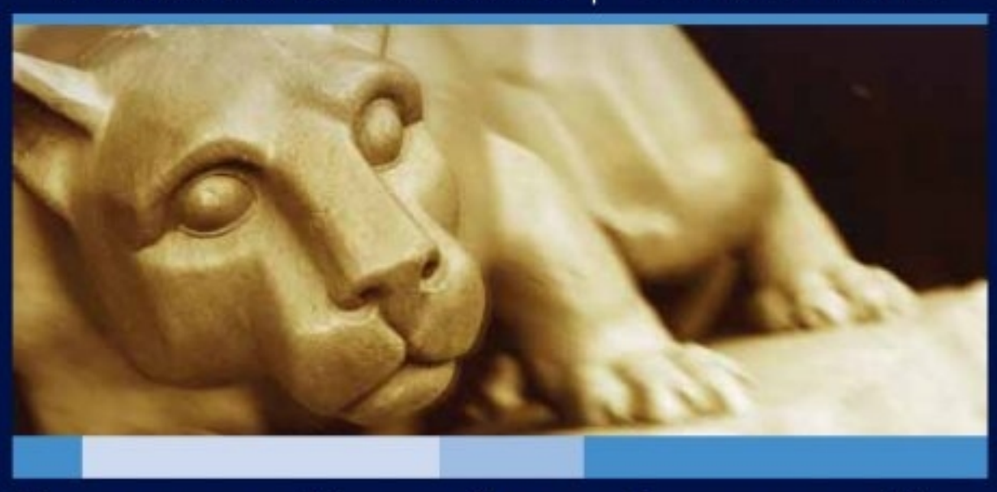

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Seal bitter about Klum's new man

When photos surfaced of **Heidi Klum** vacationing with her bodyguard, **Martin Kristen**, in Italy over the weekend, it didn't quite look like anyone was on the clock. Klum's ex-husband, **Seal**, was more than happy to confirm the rumors.

"I would have preferred Heidi show a little bit more class and at least wait until we separated first before deciding to fornicate with the help, as it were," the singer told TMZ when asked for a comment on the photos, which show Kristen and Klum with their arms around each other. "But I guess you now all have the answer that you've been looking for for the past seven months."

Usually we'd feel gross still talking about a couple who separated almost eight months ago, but you'll remember that these two made us watch as they renewed their vows every year. Plus, they have "help" to "fornicate" with — they'll be OK.

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▶ Hazard of the job: There are lots of photos of Seal looking like this.

Heidi Klum for the win

As for Heidi Klum, she pulled out all of her PR tricks for an expertly crafted masterpiece of a rebuttal: "I cherish all of the great memories Seal and I created together over the years. Our separation was based on issues between the two of us," she tells Us Weekly. "Seal has moved on and so have I. My priority has and continues to be protecting and providing for our children."

Now that, friends, is a thing of beauty. Serene on the surface with unmistakable hints of superiority and a potential for highly personal media warfare — we're getting chills just reading it.

Phelps always plays to win

Perhaps not surprisingly, **Michael Phelps** went to Las Vegas to win. While in town with friends over the weekend, he raked in somewhere in the neighborhood of $100,000 playing poker at Caesar's Palace, reports TMZ. He promptly spent most of it at the nightclub at the Wynn hotel, the scene of **Prince Harry**'s recent photo scandal. From what we can tell, Phelps didn't take things upstairs — but if he did, you better believe he wasn't going to lose a game of strip pool to a bunch of Vegas party girls.

One less bill for Cage

He may still be in tax trouble, but **Nicolas Cage** has at least one tab settled. After the actor racked up $224 in late fees for "The King of Comedy" and "A Star is Born," L.A.'s Old Bank DVD launched a Facebook campaign for him to pay up. Over the weekend, Cage called the store to apologize, blaming the mistake on his assistant — making him, quite possibly, the only guy with an assistant who still rents DVDs from video stores.

It's cool, Nic — we all have some embarrassing titles in the Netflix queue.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

@BobNewhart
Performing standup is a narcotic that I need-even if I do it a few times a year. Traveling is inconvenient but worth it to make people laugh

@JimGaffigan
"Maybe we can sell more clams if we put them in a liquid that looks like vomit?" - Inventor of clam chowder

@kathynajimy
sometimes i look up reality stars to see how many followers they have. ..... Then i resent my college education.

@yokoono
Your summer dream will always stay in your heart. But your heart is already breathing in the future. Let it breathe the air of the world.

Yoko Ono

Talking points

Actor Michael Clarke Duncan dead at 54

Actor **Michael Clarke Duncan**, 54, died yesterday in Los Angeles, two months after suffering a heart attack, according to a statement released by his fiance, **Omarosa Manigault-Stallworth**. Duncan, who began his career in Hollywood as a bodyguard, earned an Oscar nomination for his breakout role in "The Green Mile." He also appeared in "Daredevil," "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby," the 2001 "Planet of the Apes" remake and "Armageddon."

No limo for Kylie Minogue, thank you

Kylie Minogue has been at the pop-star business for a while, but she's never gotten used to some of the trappings of fame — like limousines. "I find them embarrassing," she tells The Independent. "I'm like, 'Please don't send a limousine!'" Minogue admits that being famous has given her the chance to work out whatever glam desires she may have. "I love to have this glamorous life sometimes, and if I didn't have any of that, I would probably be dressing up a bit more each day or going out on the weekend and making a real effort."

▶ That said, Kylie does wear the limo well.

Kiss and tell with Prince Harry

If photos of **Prince Harry**'s wild naked party in Las Vegas last month aren't enough, British beautician **Carrie Reichert** is more than happy to share some details of that wild night. "We kissed," she reveals in an interview with Britain's The People. "He was naked at the time, and pretty open. It was a drunken fumble. It wasn't romantic, just fun."

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Glamming it up at the Venice Film Festival

1. Hello, glow: **Kate Hudson** went for gold on the red carpet.

2. He may not act the part, but look into his twinkling eyes and tell us that **Zac Efron** doesn't look like a movie star.

3. Like cigarettes, in 2012 we know that **Joaquin Phoenix** is a life-sucking void — which we still can not resist on occasion.

4. Does anyone look more comfortable being rich and famous? **Pierce Brosnan** caught a little downtime in the Venice Movie Stars Lounge.

5. Meet actress Madisen Beaty. Now, meet **Madisen Beaty**'s dress.

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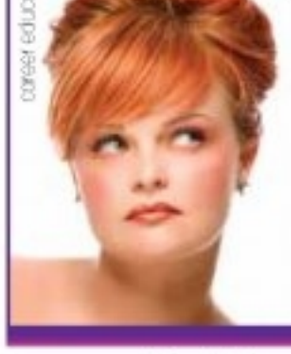

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CONSIDER THE HUMAN

A new biography of David Foster Wallace reveals multiple sides of the troubled yet brilliant author of "Infinite Jest" and "The Pale King"

In "Infinite Jest," David Foster Wallace's most acclaimed work, Ken Erdedy, a character who eventually winds up in rehab due to prolific pot binges, enters the novel anxiously waiting for his dealer. Ironically, the discipline Erdedy applies to arranging his binges nearly equals the discipline he'll need to kick the habit.

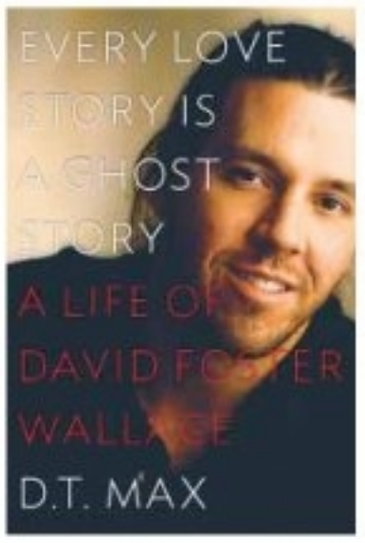
The scene represents what may have been Wallace's greatest gift — his ability to describe the inner workings of our minds. There's a striking authenticity to Erdedy that those who have indulged will relate to — and will also make the reader curious about the writer himself.

In "Every Love Story is a Ghost Story," D. T. Max presents an intricate companion guide to understanding Wallace's life and works. As Max puts it, "David's story had a purity even in its impurity."

Following David's life from his Midwestern roots up to his untimely death, his path appears more as a battle against himself, shifting from a youth with the "moral clarity of the immature," as he wrote in his debut novel, "The Broom of the System," to a writer who deeply cared about his readership, aching to teach them how to live life to the fullest.

"The thing that's so alluring and seductive about David," Max says, "is that he never loses interest in your life. What all his work sends is 'take yourself seriously.'"

But that wasn't always the case. Max's portrayal of Wallace greatly differs at times from the identity that Wallace honed through his work and interviews. For instance, avid Wallace fans will be surprised to learn that his research into drug addiction and rehabilitation for "Infinite Jest" came firsthand, and how his relationships could produce a side of Wallace that was borderline psychotic.



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However, Max says, "The dark side of David is so closely tied in with the bright side of him, I think, if we didn't have that dark side ... teaching us to take our lives seriously wouldn't be possible."

Wallace was also, at times, a fun, loving person who watched "Jurassic Park" dozens of times, drove a lemon hours on end to visit friends and let his dogs lick his mouth clean.

Max's biography is part vigil, part celebration. Wallace was a writer who gave so much to a readership that loved him in return. When Max describes Wallace's time as a professor, it's hard to not yearn to have been one of his students.

"Every Love Story" also details Wallace's works with a criticism that respects his authorial intent, illuminating them further.

Even though there'll be no more works from Wallace, who committed suicide in 2008, "Every Love Story" offers a wonderful dose of his life and ideas, asking us, as Wallace did, "What's it like to be human in a human community?"

"I don't think he gave us the answer," Max says, "but I think he gave us the gift of the question."

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TV Watchlist

'Live! With Kelly'

TALK. Regis Philbin's replacement as Kelly Ripa's new co-host is officially announced today. **9 a.m., ABC**

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Lice advice

Learn how to spot and treat the little creepers that love to invade your child's hairline Having lice doesn't equal hygiene problems

Head lice isn't a part of parenting that anyone wants a part of, but it's so common that most end up dealing with it at some point.

"Lice are so prevalent. I've had to deal with it as a parent, too," says Boston-based pediatrician Dr. Nancy Kahn, MD, FAAP, a clinical instructor of pediatric medicine at Harvard Medical School. "One study found that one in four elementary school kids gets them. They're so contagious, but they have to be transported by another vehicle. You get them from sharing scrunchies, a comb, brush or hat with someone who has them."

The big problem isn't killing the adult lice; it's detecting the eggs, which are called nits, and removing them to prevent further infection. Nits stick like glue to the hair shaft. "The eggs are grayish-white," Dr. Kahn says. "If you see a white spot on the hair that can be flicked off, it isn't nits, it's dandruff or [lint]. If it's stuck on the hair, it's nits."

Treatment varies from over-the-counter shampoos and topical solutions, but "these contain pesticides, so there is the worry that you're putting pesticides on your child's head for several hours," Dr. Kahn says. For a home remedy, try olive oil: "This basically suffocates them," she says.

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- **Fairy Tales Hair Care:** Its Rosemary Repel line of hair care utilizes organic ingredients such as rosemary, tea tree, citronella, peppermint and lavender oils to combat the pesky bugs. You can also download its free iPhone app, The Facts of Lice, to learn about outbreaks in your area or report one of your own. www.fairytale-shaircare.com
- **LiceGuard:** In addition to pesticide-free shampoo, LiceGuard also makes the Robi Comb, an electronic comb that kills lice on contact. www.liceguard.com
- **LiceEnders:** This nontoxic line uses herbs in its fight against the little critters. www.liceenders.com

Getting rid of nits is crucial to treating your child's lice.

Myth vs. fact

Head lice is wrongly associated with a lack of cleanliness. "You do not get nits from having dirty hair," says Dr. Kahn. "They don't jump or fly either," she adds, debunking another myth. "Also, they can't live off the human body for more than a couple of days, so they can't live in the home. Once you get rid of the eggs from the hair, then re-infection is less likely."

How to use a nit comb

Pick one up from the drugstore to treat your child's lice.

"Wet the hair, take a nit comb, part the hair every inch and comb through, pulling the eggs all the way down the hair shaft to remove them," advises Dr. Kahn. "You have to get rid of the eggs to prevent re-infection. Parents need to be proactive and do regular head checks, and remove the eggs constantly."

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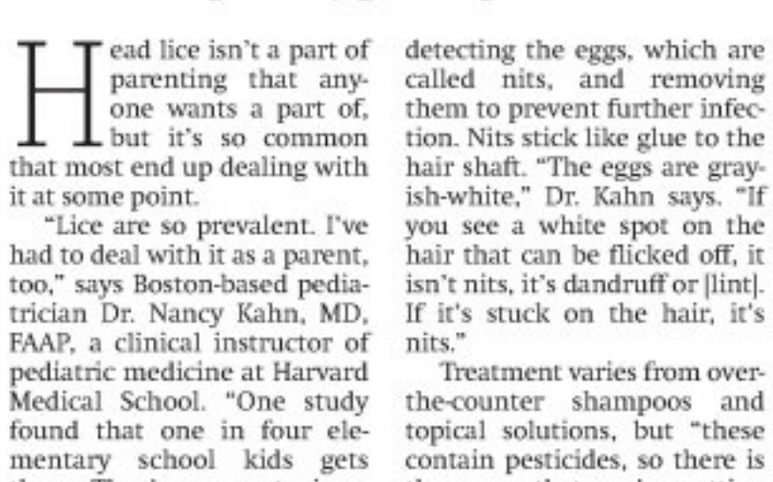

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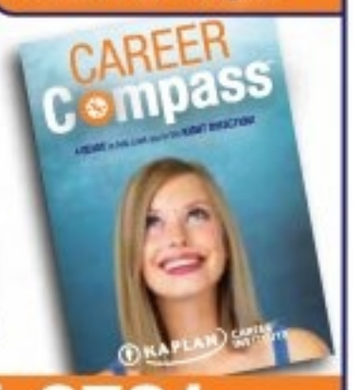

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Insider tips from teachers

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▶ Even if your child is young, asking the teacher questions is a good way to get ahead.

For back-to-school season, we went straight to the sources for advice on making this your child's best year yet: their teachers.

Ace the first day

"Having personal goals for a course makes a great first impression. The more people who know your goals, the more likely you are to reach them." **BRITTANY BECK, HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER**

"Students that come to school early and have their materials prepared get noticed." **JOJO FARRELL, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER**

"Students who want to make a good impression should ask questions, demonstrate an eagerness to learn and be thoroughly prepared for class." **JUSTIN KICZEK, HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER**

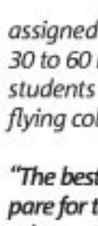
Prepping for tests

"The best way to get prepared is simply to read. Fourth- and fifth-grade students are typically assigned independent reading for 30 to 60 minutes per night. The students that do this pass with flying colors." **FARRELL**

"The best way for a student to prepare for tests is to be an active note-taker. ... A student needs to listen intently to the classroom discussion. If certain words, ideas or names are repeated, this can be a good cue that the instructor values this information." **KICZEK**

What makes a student stand out

"What set apart my favorite students was their intense curiosity. They stayed late asking questions. They read materials that were not assigned. They looked for connections between my class and other disciplines. Learning for them was not just about filling in bubbles on a test; I could sense the pleasure they got from encountering [new] ideas and emotions." **KICZEK**



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Still in bloom

- It's almost time to kiss summer goodbye
- But you don't have to break up with one of the season's biggest trends
- These new floral pieces will keep you rosy and blushing, even when things cool off

Beauty picks

MAC

MAC is on a roll with cool women this fall. First it partnered with Azealia Banks for a limited-edition lipstick, and now it's tapped Carine Roitfeld, former editor of French Vogue, for a collaboration based around her signature sexy, smoky eye look. Carine's 21-piece line, hitting stores Thursday, doesn't fuss with bright, of-the-moment colors; instead, it sticks to the classic shades and tools every woman needs, such as black eye pencil, some good mascara and nude lipstick. As for her wicked wardrobe? That you'll have to work on yourself. METRO

▶ Carine Roitfeld helps you get her look.

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Marriage is what brings society together today

Why does the government recognize marriage? What is the benefit of publicly recognizing a permanent relationship between a man and a woman, versus two children, or two men? Is it because thousands of years of recorded history have shown that a monogamous, permanent, heterosexual relationship benefits the people involved as well as society, whereas other relationships do not have this same benefit? Is it because solid traditional marriages have shown time and again to be the way not only to naturally procreate children — the future of our society — but are also the best environment for children to be raised in? Check the objective scientific studies. Healthy kids, healthy future for society. Marriage is about way more than just the two people involved. Reducing marriage to a public recognition of any persons who claim to be in love throws out everything else that marriage truly is and puts our society at even greater risk.

JASON LEE, VIA E-MAIL

Quality TV: Empty chair debates the $2,000 suit

I'm a lifelong fan of Clint Eastwood, even with Trophy Wife No. 4 or 5., and watched him on stage with an empty chair that was to represent President Barack Obama. The same could be said for Gov. Mitt Romney, who himself could have been represented by an empty $2,000 Brooks Brothers suit and a tape recorder.

I'm really looking forward to the debates now.

ANTONIO BENJAMIN, VIA E-MAIL

Mitt Romney needs to take a trip to his neighborhood deli

After watching Mitt Romney's acceptance speech at the RNC, I am left with more questions than answers. He used many buzzwords and one-liners, but Americans are left asking, "where's the beef?" Romney gave no specific plan, no details and no way to pay for it. It's easy to say, "the other guy is wrong and I can do better," but you have to show people how. It's easy to say you are going to create 12 million new jobs, but without the how, it's just words.

If Romney wants to get elected, he better spend the new month seriously working on the how.

CARL HANSON, VIA E-MAIL

GOP's America likes oil and guns, dislikes the poor

Bush was personable too, and look where that got us: A Dow of 6,000 and the financial markets going belly up. Romney is a carbon copy of Bush, putting the wealthy, corporations, military and Big Oil ahead of the working man and the poor.

Who the heck would vote for a party that wants to give millionaires and billionaires a tax cut at the expense of programs for the poor and middle class?

The GOP is nothing but fat cats who undoubtedly will give the military a chance to try out their new equipment in another war.

LARRY BLONG, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** The social sphere in which you'll be operating is likely to be charged with an air of expectancy. You'll love it, because it tends to make everything seem more exciting.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Because you're prepared to work for what you get, you'll be in an extremely favorable financial cycle. You won't expect any free rides, and the rewards will seem bigger because of this.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** A friend in whom you place considerable confidence will have several constructive suggestions for you. Give his or her ideas a shot — they are likely to help you resolve a problem.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Conditions look to be favorable, but your greatest breaks are likely to come in the financial or commercial realms, even though you may not be looking for them in those quarters.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** You're presently in an extremely favorable cycle in terms of popularity. Before the period is over, you could pick up scads of new friends and admirers.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Instinctively, you will know how to make some pretty smart moves in order to give your family certain things they desire. Just do what comes naturally, and you'll come out ahead.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** You always seem to have an abundance of ideas that are extremely satisfying and feasible, and they'll be better than usual at present. Share your thinking with those who'll appreciate it.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Your chances for getting something that you really want are better than usual at this time. If you have enough motivation, you won't hesitate to go after the big fish.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** It shouldn't be too difficult for you to recognize that someone else's idea is valuable. What you do with it will make it either better or useless.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Being one of those days when you're resourceful, you should easily be able to put your talents to work, especially in matters that pertain to your career.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Any suggestion you make is likely to be a good one, especially if it's work-related. Don't hesitate to express what's on your mind.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Don't be intimidated by challenging developments, because you are likely to perform exceptionally well when your mettle is tested. The secret is to believe in your abilities.

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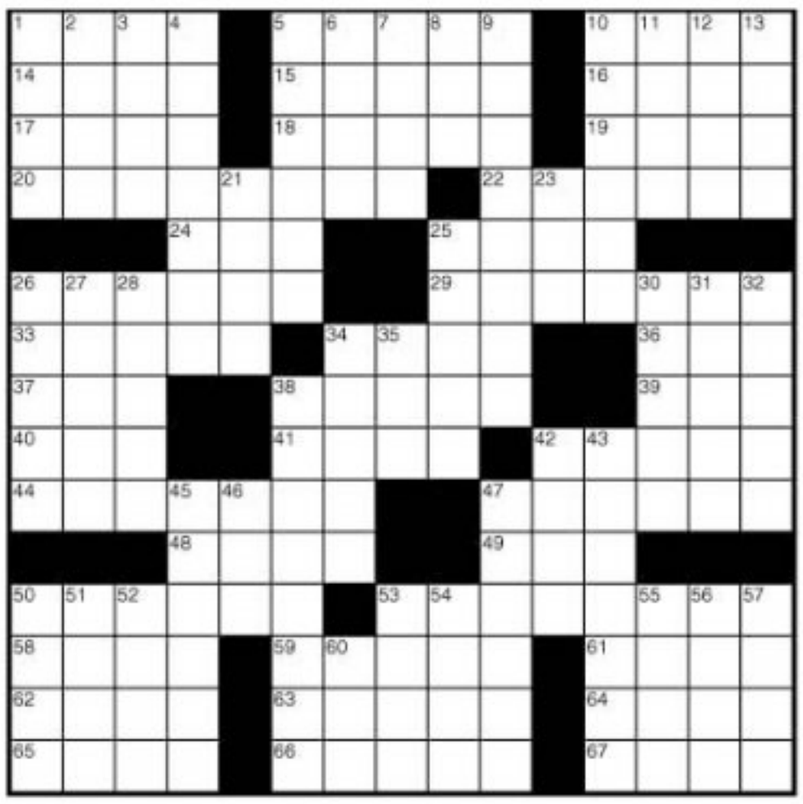

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22 Weaseled out of
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25 Off in the distance
26 Like pine scent
29 Hockey buff (2 wds.)
33 Pile up
34 Anagram for nail
36 "Shogun" apparel
37 Body art, for short
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39 Wire gauge
40 Ernesto Guevara
41 Tick off
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63 Lightweight cord
64 Circle dance
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66 Final Four games
67 By and by

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9 Give new meaning to
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11 Classical poet
12 Enjoy a feast
13 Arctic transport
21 Date ender, often
23 Boxy vehicle
25 Emerge, as the phoenix
26 Keep an eye on
27 Insurance center
28 Joyce Carol —
30 Candle or legion
31 Stay
32 Like some showers
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35 Feel awful
38 Nips in the bud
42 Striker's aim
43 Hong Kong taxi (var.)
45 Condo luxuries
46 British inc.
47 Locks up
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SUDOKU **LEVEL: HARD**

Solution to weekend's crossword

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- Check out the thriving arts scene

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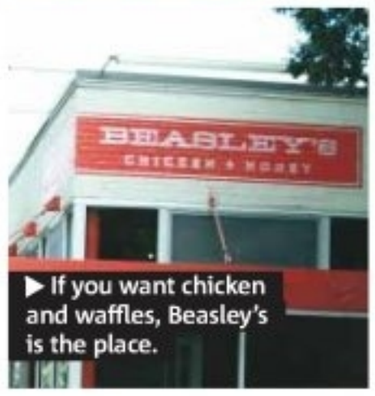
In the South, cities tend to expand outward instead of upward. Raleigh surely fell victim to that trend. In the past few years, however, the capital city of North Carolina has seen a welcomed and vibrant rebirth in food and arts culture. Raleigh's go-to destinations now encompass the areas around the capital building. Fayetteville, Salisbury and Wilmington streets now boast the coolest destinations and tend to be jam-packed full of patrons night after night.

With the influx of new restaurants, a new light has been shed on age-old standards. **Mo's Diner** isn't a diner at all, but a house converted into a high-end and down-home restaurant with service in each of its three dining rooms. Despite the new taste for the gourmet, the surrounding area still offers plenty of inexpensive options. **The Mecca Restaurant** is a third-generation, family-run mainstay, open since 1930 and serving Southern cooking late into the night. And for a real bargain, head down to **Cooper's BBQ** for a local lunch counter experience and a barbecue that has been ranked as one of the top in the country.



▶ If you want chicken and waffles, Beasley's is the place.

When it comes to bars, Raleigh's scene is mainly underground — literally. The **Foundation Lounge** is subterranean, featuring unheard of concoctions and an unmatched selection of whiskeys. For a louder and grittier experience, head to **Neptune**, whose basement bar features classic arcade games and rock deejays.

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Restaurant rebirth

Spearheading the downtown restaurant rebirth is chef/owner Ashley Christensen, who began by revamping **Poole's Diner** in 2007. Featuring an ever-changing menu of locally-grown ingredients, this "diner" takes no reservations, has a line out the door and quickly became the standard and redefinition of local flavor. Just last year, Christensen opened three new establishments, all right next to each other on S. Wilmington Street. **Beasley's Chicken + Honey** is a sleek chicken and waffles spot. **Chuck** is a meaty cafeteria-styled restaurant. And **Fox Liquor** raises the bar on cocktails and mixology in the South. Many of the spirits and cocktails featured were previously unavailable and unheard of down in the area.

Opinion

ANGELO CATALDI
THE VOICE OF THE PHILLY SPORTS FAN

ROOTING FOR BIRDS EARLY, NOT OFTEN

Andy Reid is coaching for his job. We all know that now that Eagles owner Jeff Lurie has made it clear that another 8-8 season will end Reid's 14-year tenure. Bravo for the new and improved Lurie, who won't accept excuses for mediocrity.

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▶ Lurie

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Unfortunately, Lurie has presented a major quandary for fans: Should we root for or against the Birds this year? With the season just a few days away, should we pull for a Super Bowl miracle, or for a new coach with a new approach? What exactly would a face-saving season with an early playoff exit accomplish?

After much contemplation, I am now prepared to offer a solution to this dilemma. As much as I dislike Reid and his muddle-headed, game-day coaching, I will be rooting as hard for the team as ever — but only in September.

When the Birds face the Browns on Sunday, go Eagles. Against Baltimore in the home opener the following week, it's E-A-G-L-E-S. Ditto for Arizona and the Giants.

But that's as far as I will extend my loyalty. If indeed Reid has changed his tired act, if Mike Vick really has learned to preserve his health, if Juan Castillo has figured out how to coordinate a defense, great. The 2012 Eagles have enough talent to do some special things this season.

Quoted

Nothing short of a championship is good enough, not after a ridiculous 52-year drought.

On the other hand, if they start slowly — as they have done almost every season under Reid — then I will be the first one jumping off the bandwagon. If Vick is back down on the ground, holding his ribs (or knee, or hand), I'm out. If a defensive back gets confused and a Brown or a Giant prances into the open for a game-winning touchdown, forget it.

I think I speak for all Eagles fans when I say nothing short of a championship is good enough, not after a ridiculous 52-year drought. I think I represent every fan draped in silver and green when I say enough is enough with the blown timeouts, the missed tackles, the fatal turnovers, the moronic comments. If Jeff Lurie means what he says — and I believe he does — there is zero tolerance for all of that now.

This is already a time of transition for our favorite football team. In 2010 we lost the eternally annoying Donovan McNabb, and a few months ago the negative buzz in the front office ended the moment president Joe Banner took his sourpuss to Cleveland. Reid's departure would be a welcome trifecta for all of us — unless he changes the pattern with a great September, setting the tone for a better season.

So what will happen? Here are two predictions: The Eagles will win nine games this season. And I will be rooting for them to lose — and for Reid to leave — by Halloween.

*– **Angelo Cataldi** is the host of 94 WIP's Morning Show, which airs weekdays 5:30-10 a.m.*

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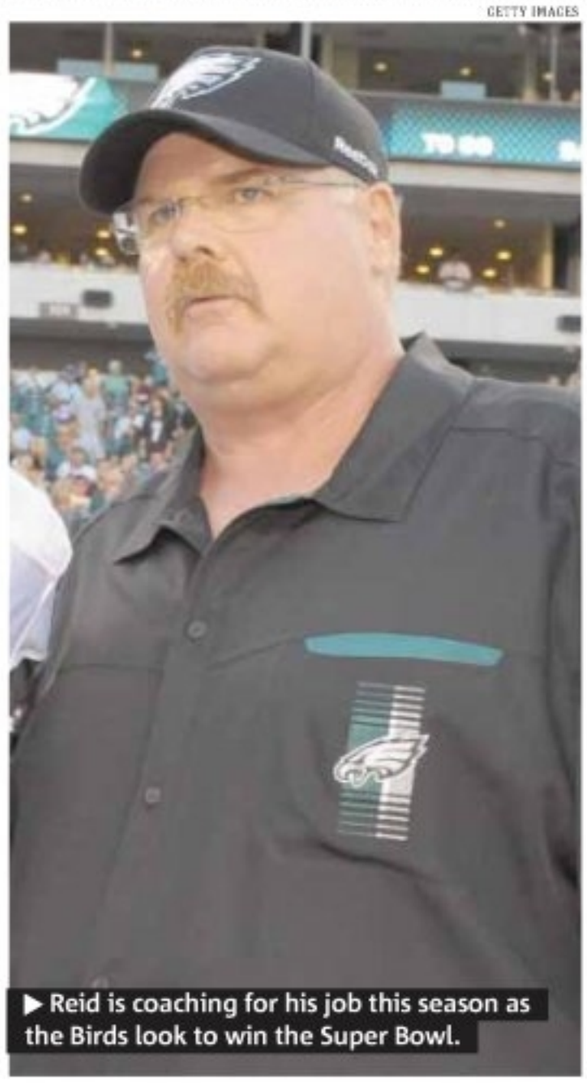

▶ Reid is coaching for his job this season as the Birds look to win the Super Bowl.

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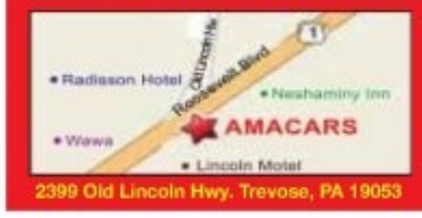

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▶ Nick Foles Fever ... catch it!

The Eagles are still five days away from the new season, and already the plot for 2012 has featured a surprising and fascinating twist. Remember when all of the so-called experts (including me) said the team's fate hung on the fragile health of Mike Vick?

Well, maybe not.

You can count me among the many fans who have contracted Nick Foles Fever. This is the closest thing to love at first sight you will ever find in Philadelphia, the sudden emergence of a young quarterback with an accurate arm and field presence that suggests stardom.

The contrast between Foles and Vick is startling. Foles has a quick release; Vick winds up like a pitcher. Foles is already deft at escaping sacks; Vick often takes defenders head-on. Foles looks like a quiet, calm field leader; Vick is far less predictable, far more spontaneous.

Of course, we are basing our impressions on four preseason games, when many starters are not playing and others are just going through the motions. Maybe when the games count, Foles will revert to the form of an unheralded third-round draft pick from Arizona. Or maybe he will become every bit the leader we were expecting Kevin Kolb to be two years ago.

At this point, there's only one thing to say about Foles and the overnight sensation he has caused in our football-crazed city: Two weeks ago, we were all worried about what would happen if Mike Vick got hurt again. Now, we're not all that concerned. We've got a new weapon. His name is Nick Foles. **ANGELO CATALDI**

Idle thoughts from Cataldi

1 Liar, liar? One month ago, offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg said Mike Kafka was a brilliant backup quarterback, a talented and smart leader. Last weekend, Kafka got cut by the Eagles. So what happened? Was Mornhinweg lying to the media, or is he totally clueless? I pick the latter.

2 Owning the moment. Jeff Lurie has become the fan-friendly owner we thought we were getting when he bought the Eagles in 1994. His comments have been powerful and refreshing. His leadership behind the scenes has been surprising. Is it possible Joe Banner was holding Lurie back?

3 Dumb and dumber. In a season of dumb decisions, the idea of trying Chase Utley at third base has to be one of the dumbest. The man is 33, going on 34, a time when the reflexes start to go. Just ask Mike Schmidt. And the Phils think this might be a solution for Utley's bad knees? Dumb, dumb, dumb.

Jimmy 'no-hustle' strikes again

Charlie Manuel announced last Friday that he's the manager of the Phillies. He is at the end of his eighth season in the job, but he still felt compelled to point it out. Why, you ask? Because he has rarely bothered to manage one of his star players, Jimmy Rollins.

Rollins started the latest dust-up when he failed to run out a pop-up that dropped untouched on the infield in a game against the Mets. After being benched, the lazy shortstop explained that he was merely reacting to the disappointment of another lost at-bat. Yeah, right. That insulting response implies that he really busts it out of the batter's box most of the time. He doesn't.

The only time Rollins gets caught is when a fielder botches the play. That's what happened two weeks ago when he refused to run out a grounder in Miami, and that's what happened this time, too. Rollins almost never plays hard. He has no respect for the game that has made him a millionaire, nor for the fans who have fawned over him for more than a decade.

And the fault lies not just with Rollins, but also with Manuel. Ask yourself this: If Manuel had not tolerated this behavior for years, would Rollins continue to abuse the game? If Manuel benched his lead-off hitter every time he jogged to first, would this be a problem?

Manuel announced that he is the Phillies manager last week because there was every reason to question his status after Rollins made him look like a fool again. For every punishment like this, there have been dozens of times when Manuel looked the other way or waved off the misdeed as "Jimmy being Jimmy."

By the way, Rollins was back at the top of the lineup for the next game. Rollins said he had learned his lesson this time. He has not. **ANGELO CATALDI**

▶ Rollins was benched last week after failing to run hard on a would-be pop-out.

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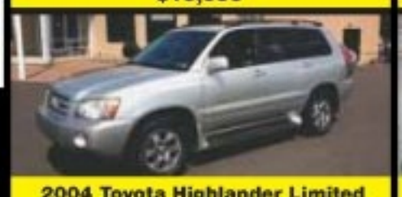
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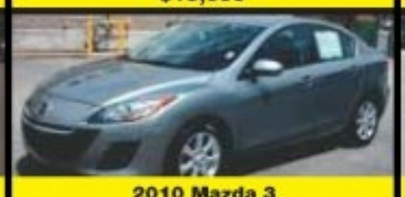
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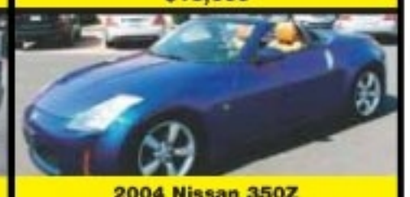
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Thief on loose in Phillies clubhouse: Hide all balls

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Real estate is all about location. That's not so just in town or at the shore, but in the Phillies' clubhouse. When the Phillies dealt Shane Victorino, Joe Blanton and Hunter Pence at the trade deadline in late July, there was some prized property available. Vance Worley pounced on the opportunity.

Vanimal moved from the locker closest to the clubhouse exit to a spot very close to the players' lounge, which is the prime zone. Worley dresses alongside Roy Halladay, Jimmy Rollins and Jonathan Papelbon.

"I feel like I'm in a duplex in an area loaded with mansions," Worley said. "I've been asked how much rent I pay there. I admit that I'm bringing the value down."

Worley jokes about being the new kid in a fancy neighborhood, but the reason he left his old digs is no laughing matter. Apparently, Worley doesn't just have to worry about runners stealing bases.

"I had some things taken from my old locker," Worley said. "I guarantee you that nobody will steal anything from where I am now. I had a brand new glove stolen from me this year. I didn't even touch it. It was on my seat one day and the next day it was gone."

Worley was really creeped out when a game-used autographed ball by Marlins closer Heath Bell was lifted from his locker last season.

"Three weeks after it was taken, I received a package with the ball and a letter apologizing [for the theft], Worley said. "The guy left his name and address. I don't know what he was expecting from me."

Worley didn't correspond with the thief.

"I left it at that," Worley said. "This guy just said he was a really big Phillies fan and it's just strange. Somehow he got in here … but now I feel more secure now that I'm in a better spot in the clubhouse.

"I don't miss my old spot. I arrived a day later than everyone here when I returned from Clearwater, and I guess they figured that I wanted to remain where I was, but I'm much happier here."

Phils 4, Reds 2

- Much-hyped prospect **Tyler Cloyd** earned his first MLB win yesterday after tossing seven strong innings. The 25-year-old allowed one run on four hits, while fanning nine.
- **The Phils (65-70)** have won four of their last five and sit eight games back from the final wild card spot.

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▶ Vanimal, who was shut down for the year back on Aug. 29, is excited about his new locker stall in the clubhouse.

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Vick, Babin all smiles as Birds prep for opener

Now it begins for real.

The Eagles took the field yesterday for the first regular-season practice of the year. In five days, the team will head to Cleveland for the season opener — with a presumably healthy Mike Vick under center. Vick took all the first-team reps.

"My arm felt fresh and my legs felt good," Vick said. "I threw the ball really well, and I had a chance to make some throws that I haven't made in a long time. It felt good to be back, and I'm extremely excited."

Much of the talk this preseason has been about the emergence of rookie Nick Foles. His progression up the depth chart pushed Mike Kafka off the roster. Trent Edwards locked up the No. 3 spot when roster cuts were announced last Friday. Now, if Vick goes down at any point, Foles will be asked to step in, and that's something everyone is comfortable with.

"I feel very confident in Nick's ability to run this offense," Vick said. "He did a great job in the preseason and had great numbers, showed extreme poise and the ability to make each and every throw. That's what you look for in a quarterback: the understanding of the game, the big-time arm, and the poise to go out there and remain consistent."

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Defensive end '98.9' percent for Browns

Defensive end Jason Babin was back in pads, too. The sack master has been sidelined since July 28 with a calf injury. Babin expects to play Sunday and put his health at "98.9" percent.

"People are going to be really excited when we get out there and it counts," he said. METRO

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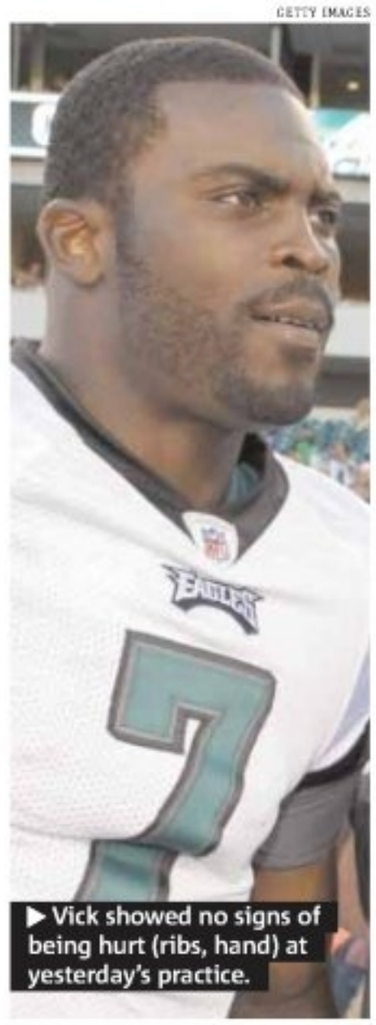

▶ Vick showed no signs of being hurt (ribs, hand) at yesterday's practice.

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Fish drops out of US Open

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Labor Day was not a day to remember for American men at the U.S. Open.

Mardy Fish, the highest-ranked American still in the tournament, had to pull out of his fourth-round match with Roger Federer yesterday because of health concerns. Fish did not release specifics, but he missed two months this season due to an irregular heartbeat and had a procedure in May to deal with the issue.

"I regret that I have to withdraw from the U.S. Open for precautionary measures," Fish said in a statement. "I was reluctant to do so, but am following medical advisement. I had a good summer and look forward to resuming my tournament schedule in the fall."

Fish had been playing well in Flushing. He defeated Go Soeda in straight sets in the opener and then Nikolay Davydenko in five sets in the second round. He upset Gilles Simon in the third round to set up yesterday's match with Federer.

The walkover victory means Federer extends his record to 34 consecutive Grand Slam quarterfinals.

Fish's exit came on the heels of a disappointing conclusion to John Isner's tournament. Isner, ranked No. 9, was upset by No. 19 Philipp Kohlschreiber in five sets in a match that didn't end until 2:26 a.m. Monday morning. The evening slate of matches were delayed for more than an hour due to rain during Maria Sharapova's three-set victory Sunday night.

The only American man remaining is the soon-to-retire Andy Roddick, who faces Juan Martin del Potro today.

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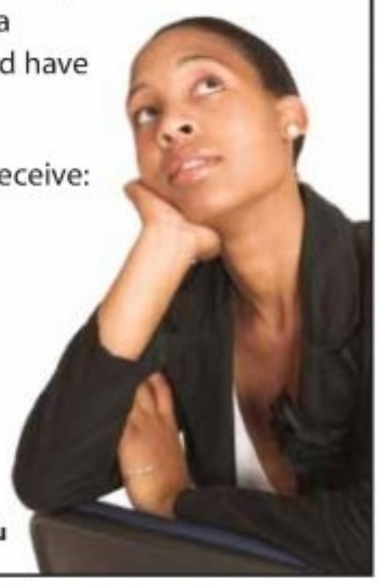

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